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Lansing Greenbackers held an indignation meeting the other day, and read Gov. Bagle out of the party. They said the Detroit *Free Press* was running him and they preferred to lose the Governor and save the party.

The legislature has begun the Senatorial struggle. The result of the balloting on Tuesday, was 59 votes for Ferry, Stont 50, scattering 22. Wednesday's ballot was the same, with the exception of two or three changes in the scattering vote. It has become very evident that the anti-Ferry Republicans are in earnest, and do not mean to yield. If this is so, Mr. Ferry cannot be elected by Republican votes, and an election by aid of the opposition, either by votes directly, or by absenteeism indirectly, would be disastrous to the best interests of the Republican party. Why not drop him entirely and all unite upon some other able man, we have plenty of them, harmonize the party, please the people, and insure future Republican success in Michigan?

An Appeal to Women.

During the special session of the Michigan Legislature in the winter of 1880-81, the Committee on Education and Public Schools—Messrs. Patterson, Kilpatrick and Morrison, after consultation with Mr. Gower, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented a bill which being adopted without any opposition, gave us section 17 of Act No. 164, found on page 168, Session Laws of 1881.

This law gives to every woman who is twenty-one years of age, and also parent or legal guardian of any child included in the school census of the district, the privilege of expressing by vote her choice concerning the management of the school, providing she has been for three months a resident of the school district or upon any territory belonging thereto. This law also continues to every woman who pays tax upon property the privilege, already granted, of voting on the raising and expenditure of school moneys as well as all other questions, providing she has been a resident for three months.

This opens the way for every such woman, (mother or tax-payer) to bring to bear upon the school the influence of her own convictions, and makes her, as much as any other resident of the district, responsible for the choice of school officers, and through that election for the selection of proper teachers, the intellectual and moral training of the children, and everything pertaining to school management.

The law also says, "That any female person, of or above the age of twenty-one years, who has resided in this State three months, and in the township ten days next preceding any election shall be eligible to the office of school inspector," and "Any qualified voter in a school district who has property liable to assessment for school taxes shall be eligible to election or appointment to office in such school district, unless such person be an alien."

Our free schools are the pride of this republic. Do results show them to be all they should be as conservators of the highest interests of our children?

We desire to call attention to the number of youths of seventeen years and under who are confirmed in the use of bad language, tobacco, and intoxicating liquors. We need to make our schools a more direct and certain instrumentality for prevention of these debasing habits. Schools should be not only gardens of intellectual culture, but should second the physical and moral training of the best homes.

Physical and moral training, though an accepted feature of our schools, is not, of course, the prominent part of our curriculum, and the school receiving representatives from all classes of homes, if not aided by the best moral elements of society, fails to sufficiently instruct and restrain the vicious and untalented. Our free school system makes it the birth-right of every child to receive instructions in the rudiments of science. Do not the signs of the times indicate that it is equally important to instruct every child concerning the baneful effects of alcohol and tobacco?

There are many school districts where it is desirable that more time and attention be given to school matters by the proper officers. In some of these districts it is possible to place in office a woman eminent for sound judgment, experience and moral sense. She would give such attention to the appointments of the school room, as to promote the comfort and welfare of the pupils. Her efforts would aid the teachers in such educational and reformatory work as would counteract evil influences.

The State having recognized you as responsible guardians for the children whom God has given you, and your participation in the management of school affairs being absolutely necessary for the greatest good of all, we earnestly appeal to every mother, every female guardian or tax-payer, to awaken to the importance of these privileges and powers. Remember that neglect of these duties will make you personally accountable for any loss, physical or moral, resulting thereby to your own or other children.

We urge all W. C. T. Unions to make plans for utilizing the educational ballot, and to arouse the women of their several communities, to make this a part of their regular work.

The following sketch of the life and death of Mr. E. A. Thompson, was prepared for this paper by A. H. Herron:

Edwin Allen Thompson was born in Verona, Oneida Co., N. Y., Feb. 23, 1811, being, at the time of his death, 71 years, 11 months and 8 days old.

On the 20th of August, 1884, in Cortland county, N. Y., he was married to Julia A. Sutton, who still lingers on this side to mourn her loss.

Of eight children born to them, three sons and five daughters, only two daughters survive him.

Mr. Thompson, with his family, moved to Michigan in the fall of 1845, making Paw Paw his home until January, 1857, with the exception of a year or so spent in Herkion county. From 1849 to 1855, he was foreman of the extensive boot and shoe manufacturing establishment of A. Sherman & Co.

Mr. Thompson was never a policy man. Having embraced a cause, he was never half-hearted in its support, but gave to it the whole energy of his being.

In his early manhood he was profoundly impressed with the enormity of the crime of human slavery, and, therefore, very naturally espoused the anti-slavery cause, so ably championed by Garrison and his contemporaries, even when to do so, in many cases, meant social, as well as political ostracism. The question with him was not, will this or that cause be popular, but is it right?

Having stood bravely for the cause of the down-trodden and the oppressed during the years of its unpopularity, he very naturally rejoiced at the culmination of events that brought about a political revolution in this country and State in 1854, and later throughout the entire north, and contributed not a little, with both tongue and pen, to bring about that glorious result.

As a natural sequence, as well as because of his eminent fitness, he was chosen as one of the standard bearers at the organization of the Republican party in this county in the summer of 1854, and was that fall elected to the office of Register of Deeds, which office he worthily filled for two years, when he was appointed to the responsible position of Deputy Secretary of State by John McKinney, which position he continued to hold for four years, serving during the last term of Mr. McKinney and the first term of his successor, the Hon. Nelson G. Isbell.

Following his retirement from the Secretary of State's office, for nearly four years he held a prominent clerkship in the Auditor General's office, and until, at the earnest solicitation of the Hon. E. J. House, then Assessor of Internal Revenue of this district, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for this county, in which position he continued for several years, during which time he also discharged the duties of County Treasurer for several months of the last term of A. S. Dyckman.

At the Republican State Convention of 1866, he was quite a prominent candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and was Enrolling Clerk of the House of Representatives at Lansing during the session of 1869, following which, and for about two years he filled acceptably an important Clerkship in the Census Bureau at Washington.

This practically ended the public life of Mr. Thompson, but whether as private citizen, or as the incumbent of the various important official positions held by him, he was never found wanting in ability or in any of those elements that go to make up a popular and efficient public officer. In all his dealings, whether in the field of politics, or in the quieter walks of private life, he was honest, and faithful to his convictions of right—an example worthy of emulation.

Though not a member of any christian society, Mr. Thompson was a man of deep religious convictions, and of high moral attainments, and sought to live a life void of offence to God and man. He gave liberally of his means for the support of the Gospel, and for several years, after returning from Lansing, held the office of Trustee in the Methodist church of Paw Paw, and cheerfully gave of his time and means for its advancement. It was often the pleasure of the writer of this humble tribute to his memory, during the years of intimate business relations existing between them, to listen to able and interesting articles written by him in his hours of leisure, upon the wonderful progress and triumphs of christianity in the world, and other kindred subjects.

Amid the trials and afflictions and bereavement of this life, he manifested an unflinching trust in God. When the soul was well nigh overwhelmed, he was wont to repeat that matchless poem of Whittier's, entitled, "Eternal Goodness." A few days before his death he repeated the last stanzas:

"I know not where His islands lift,
Their fronted palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.
And then O Lord! by whom are seen
Thy creatures as they live,
Forgive me if too close I lean
My human heart on Thee!"

Intellectually Mr. Thompson was far above the average, and could he have enjoyed, in early life, that thorough education which it was the pride of his life that he might give to his children, he might have held high rank in the field of letters.

He was a great reader, and being endowed with a wonderful memory, was enabled to acquire a stock of knowledge and of general information far beyond the average of those whose earlier advantages had been the same as his. He loved the companionship of our standard poets, and had a large portion of the writings of Scott, Whittier and others at his tongue's end.

When Horace Greely, who was only one day younger than our deceased friend, and greatly admired by him, was writing his "Recollections of a busy life," he regretted seriously his inability to reproduce a certain poem which had wonderfully impressed him in his earlier days. Though Mr. Thompson had not seen or thought of the poem for more than 30 years he was able to recall it all, save a portion of a single verse. When the writer of this memorial announced to him, a few months after his terrible affliction came upon him, the death, in comparative poverty near Muskegon, of Jonathan Walker, whom Whittier had immortalized in 1846, as the *man with the branded hand*, he was enabled to recall and repeat nearly or quite the whole of that stirring poem, though he had not read it for more than 20 years.

Naturally of a modest and retiring nature only those who knew him long and intimately could thoroughly appreciate his real worth, and the terrible mental anguish that must have been his through these years of his great affliction, but which has been borne by him uncomplainingly.

Few men have been more devoted to the interests of their families, and to them no words of ours can portray the grief they must feel at their loss.

In these years of physical prostration he seemed to be living very near the Throne. He talked of the loved ones gone before; of the happy meeting on the other shore; of the sustaining power of divine grace, and the consolations of the gospel. His end was peaceful. Without a struggle he passed to the better land.

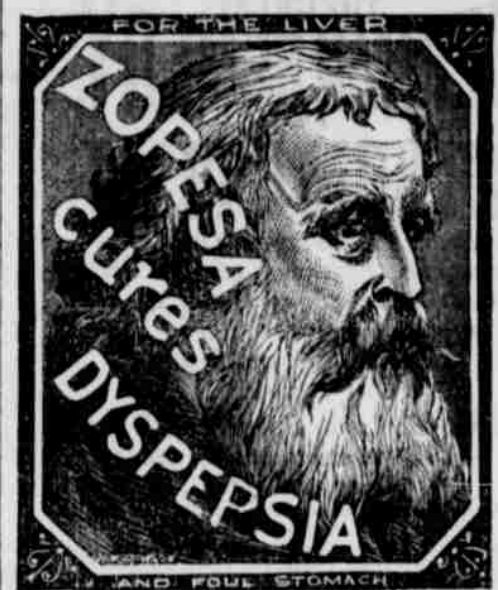
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